# WE LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU! MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

6:00PM 7:30AM 10:00AM

CANTORS: Allan Harrigan Dr. Gloria Callwood Melita Etienne

LECTORS: Val Doute Rita Brady-Bermudez Julia Johnson Allison Charles Chris Doute Yvonne Freeman

EUCH MIN: Dolores Velazquez **Bridget Toussaint** Mona Bedminster

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Thank you for serving!!!



Please pray for the members of our body who are sick or suffering. . .

#### **HOSPITAL:**

OFF ISLAND: Defy Francoise, Bertina Lestrade, Altagracia Padilla, Emile Joseph, Joseph Archer, Clementina Abraham, Norma Gimenez, Helen Bruney, Lorna Greig, Rita Brady Bermudez, Maggie Dolphin, Bishop Thomas, Eleanor Jackson-Thomas.

AT HOME: Rita Ledee, Rose Celestine, Margarita Feliciano, Martina Lewis, Olivia Gumbs, Ann Bedminster, John Joseph, Marie Santana, Medina Scatliffe, Lilian Francis, Bernice Knight, Philomen Baron, Joyce McPherson, Claudy Brutus, Grace Thompson, McLean Fontain (Sparrow), Vernelle Gumbs, Berecia Reid, Evelyn Simon, Mary Lewis, Veronica Sealey, Isabel Dublin. Gerard Henry, Theresa Felix, Mary Antoine.

#### **SEAVIEW:**

MASSAC: Margarita Knight.

LUCINDA MILLIN: Rita Thompson. EBENEZER HOME: Cleota Hill.



And all the sick and suffering in our community!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY for the repose of the souls of loved ones who have been called home by our Savior. If you or your loved one is going into the hospital, please contact the office so that you/they may receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

You are practicing Thankfulness when you ...

\*Are thankful for the gifts of life.

\*Appreciate your own abilities instead of envying others.

\*See the difficulties of life as learning opportunities.

\*Enjoy your sense of wonder about the beauty in the

\*Are willing to receive what others want to give.

# Affirmation:

I am thankful for the many gifts within me and around me today. I appreciate my life. Î look for the lessons. I expect the best.

# **WEEKLY ADVERTISEMENTS**

# **OFFICE HOURS**

**Mondays - 10:00 AM** to 4:00 PM

**Tuesday - Friday** 

7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

# HOLY FAMILY FINANCE COUNCIL

Alicia Douté Jean Dragin **Claudia Winston** 

John T. Williams

**Yasmine Haynes Anneta Hevliger** Dan Hurley

**Rev. Neil Scantlebury (Pastor)** 

# HURRICANE PRAYER

God our Father, all the elements of nature obey Your commands. Keep us safe from the danger of hurricanes and all other natural disasters. Let us always feel the presence of Your love. May wel be secure in Your protection and turn our fears into praise of Your goodness. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen!

O God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you, and I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love you. Amen.

**HURRICANE SEASON: JUNE 1 TO NOVEMBER 30:** 

#### **FUNERAL MASSES**

Funeral Masses at Holy Family Church are held on the designated day at 9:00 a.m. If you would like a different time please contact the pastor. Tributes and solos are done before the Mass. Please keep your prelude activities to the minimum. Funerals are NOT held on Wednesdays and on weekends (Saturdays and Sundays). Lectors of Holy Family Church will do the readings. Thank you for vour cooperation.

#### **HOLY FAMILY** PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly meeting is normally held on the third Wednesday of the month.

> Eubald René (Chairman) Yasmine Haynes (Secretary) **Bridget Toussaint** Jennifer Johnson Christian Douté Mona Bedminster Felicia Felix

Fr. Neil Scantlebury (Pastor) Fr. Kerly François (Assoc. Pastor)

**NEXT MEETING** 

Wednesday, November 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm in Lower Columban Hall.

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# **PARISH CELEBRATION**

# **Birthdays**

Demari Industrious, Tyreek Stuart, Christian Doute, Viola John, Viola Smith, Cily Najawicz, Sy Sebastien, Shakeem Frederick, Deenarah George, Alanna Crooms, Alancia Estime, Maya Matthew, Murielle St. Luce, Latasha Martin, Mellisha Bedminster, Miguel John, Maria Fontaine, Dave Anderson, Janice Carbon, Grace Casimir, Julie Charles, Lina Edwards, Vanessa Freitas, Lester Gaston, Iolo Leatham, Moteto Smith, Teresa Fontaine, Arden Shillingford, Lois Walters.



Lord, bless our parishioners who celebrate their special day this week. Amen!

# Holy Family Catholic Church Welcomes You!

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Nov. 13, 2016

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

The Church of the Holy Family exists to Nurture and advance Christ's Eucharistic Unconditional Love to all, through Love of God and neighbor.

# Reverend Neil Scantlebury

# Associate Pastor Reverend Kerly François

#### **Administrative Assistant** Ms. Allison Charles

<u>Sacristan</u> Mr. Ryan John

**Musicians** Mr. Francis Callwood Mr. Verne Callwood Mr. Desmond Simmonds Mr. Ade Warrington

<u>Volunteers</u> Mrs. Jennifer Johnson Mr. Richard Callwood, III

### **CHANCERY: BISHOP'S OFFICE**

(340) 774-3166

**Venerable Pierre Toussaint Catholic Chapel** 

4B-B Estate Boyoni St. Thomas VI 00802

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. - (Spanish) 6:00 p.m. - (Creole) Thursday: 6:00 p.m. (Creole)

# WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 6:00 PM Sunday: 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM Creole Mass

WEEKDAY MASSES Monday: 6:00 PM

Tuesday - Thursday: 7:00 AM Wednesday: OLPH Novena before the 7:00 AM Mass followed by Adoration after the mass to 5:30 PM Friday: Holy Hour - 6:00 PM Mass at 7:00 PM

# **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 5:15 PM - 5:45 PM or by appointment.

# Readings for the Week of November 13, 2016

Mon.: Rev. 1:1 - 4; 2:1 - 5; Luke 18:35 - 43

Tue.: Rev. 3:1 - 6, 14 - 22; Luke 19:1 - 10

Wed.: Revelation 4:1 - 11; Luke 19:11 - 28

Thur.: Revelation 5:1 - 10; Luke 19:41 - 44

Fri.: Revelation 10:8 - 11; Luke 19:45 - 48

Sat.: Revelation 11:4 - 12; Luke 20:27 - 40

# **NEXT SUNDAY: CHRIST THE KING**

2 Samuel 5:1 - 3 Colossians 1:12 - 20 Luke 23:35 - 43

When you enter THE CHURCH talk to GOD; when you leave - talk to each other!

\*Count your blessings every day.

# **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY!

#### FIRST READING: Malachi 3:19 - 20a

•The sun of justice shines with healing warmth on those who walk in the Lord, but evil doers face a blazing oven, for the day of the Lord is coming.

# SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:7 - 12

Paul urged members of the church in Thessalonica to conduct themselves in a way that befits Christ's followers. He asked them to work in the community and earn their keep.

# **GOSPEL: Luke 21:5 - 19**

Jesus urged patient endurance for His followers when they face trial or contradiction. He consoled them and calmed their worries in the midst of war, earthquake, disease, and hunger.

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warn His disciples about what to expect in the last days: earthquakes, famines, and plagues. Yet he says that not a hair on your head will be destroyed." In the first reading Malachi also announces the coming day of wrath. Yet he too promises safety for those who fear God's name. Let us listen for this "sun of justice with its healing rays" and ponder God's love and mercy in the midst of even the greatest cataclysms.

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

# **Saturday Mass (Sunday Observance):**

6:00 PM: Birthday blessings for Christian Doute rb The Doute family.

### **Sunday Masses:**

7:30 AM: Birthday blessings for Fr. Kerly Francois.

10:00 AM: Birthday blessings for Viola E. Smith and Andre P. Smith rb Viola E. Smith.

6:00 PM: God's continued blessings for the Haitian Community.

#### **Daily Masses:**

Mon. Nov. 14, 6:00 PM: *St. Lawrence O'Toole*Birthday blessings for Jahmal Hodge rb Cleopha Rawlings.

Tues. Nov. 15, 7:00 AM: *St. Albert the Great*Elroy and Violet Holder (d) rb Kathleen Thompson.

Wed. Nov. 16, 7:00 AM: *St. Margaret of Scotland*Birthday blessings for Viola John rb The Wells family.

Thurs. Nov.17, 7:00 AM: *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*God's blessings and deliverance for Lorraine Vialet rb The family.

Fri. Nov. 18, 7:00 PM: *St. Rose Philippine Duchesne* Deceased Holy Family parishioners.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SECOND COLLECTION**: This week's second collection goes towards *Haitian Relief*. Next week's second collection will go towards *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*. As always we thank you for your generosity.

Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign of Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCDH was founded to break the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With a tradition of improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, CCDH continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please give to the CCHD Collection

ETERNAL CANDLE: This week the Eternal Candle is burning for God's continued blessings and guidance for Rev. Kerly Francois. You can request Eternal Candle for your loved ones' birthdays or any special occasions.

*CREOLE MASS:* The Dominica Association of St. Thomas invites everyone to their annual Creole Mass this *Sunday, November 13, 2016*, at 12:00 noon at Holy Family Church. The regular weekend masses will remain the same. All are welcome.

**SYMPATHY:** On behalf of Holy Family parishioners, Rev. Neil Scantlebury, extends sincere sympathy to Helen Bruney and family on the passing of her husband, **Reverend Mr. Roy Bruney** who died on **Monday, November 7, 2016**. The funeral mass of the late **Reverend Mr. Roy Bruney** will take place at Holy Family church on **Monday, November 21, 2016** at 11:00a.m. Viewing will precede the mass at 10:00 a.m. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**BAPTISM CLASS:** Baptism class commenced on <u>Monday November 7, 2016</u>, at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Columban Hall, and will continue every Monday in November. Application forms for Baptism can be collected from the church office and should be completed before the start of the program. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

MAN POT COMPETITION: Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral cordially invites you to its Man Pot competition this <u>Sunday, November 13, 2016</u> at Sts. Peter & Paul School courtyard. All proceeds will benefit Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral. A trophy and bragging rights will be awarded to the winner.

STS. PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL ALUMNI FUNDRAISER: Sts. Peter and Paul School Alumni is hosting a fundraiser - Old School Midnight Dance, on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>November 19th</u> at the Mafolie Clubhouse, from 9 pm until 1 am. Proceeds to benefit Sts. Peter and Paul School and the purchase of lockers. Thank you.

*CCD PARENTS' MEETING:* There will be a meeting with the parents and guardians of ALL CCD students on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>November 20</u>, <u>after the 10AM mass</u> for that weekend. Parents and guardians are kindly asked to take note and to make every effort to attend this meeting.

**SAINTS FEST 3**: Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School is proud to present **SAINTS FEST** 3, on **Saturday**, **December 3**, **2016**, from 12noon to 5pm at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School courtyard. Games for the whole family, activities, food and drinks for sale and much more!

Come dressed as your patron saint or favorite saint and enter a special contest! Prizes awarded! You don't have to be a child to come dressed as a Saint.

# LITURGY AND WORD

As Jesus reaches Jerusalem, Jesus goes straight into the Temple with his disciples. The observation about the Temple made by some about its beauty and grandiosity makes Jesus to prophesy about its destruction. The prophecy met its fulfillment about 40 years later in 70 AD. That the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70 AD as the result of the Jewish rebellion is an indisputable fact and Luke who wrote his Gospel in 85 AD gives vivid description of the destruction that took place. The discourse in chapter 21 of Luke is a lengthy one in which Jesus speaks about the glorious second coming of the Son of Man. The prophecy about the destruction of the Temple and its fulfillment is an assurance that the prophecy about the second coming of Christ will also have its fulfillment. Jesus through his life and mission that culminated in his death and resurrection has inaugurated the new era of salvation. Jesus, who spends his life amidst the suffering humanity, but healing their illnesses, casting out the demons, feeding the hungry, being a good shepherd, has become an agent of God's love and care for his people. When the final establishment of God's kingdom will come about is not revealed to us. People have tried to ask this to Jesus as in the case of the disciples at the time of his ascension. "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6). Jesus does not give an answer but directs them to do their work of witnessing and spreading the message of the Gospel. It is not essential that we should know the exact time. What is important is how and with what attitude we live our lives. Vigilance and alertness is the key. The expectation of the imminent return of the Lord has been prevalent in the early Church. St Paul in his early letters like the first and second Thessalonians has shared that view. That is why he is exhorting the Christians of Thessalonica living in idleness not to do so. Whether the time is short or long nobody has any business to live in idleness. Life as such is very short. We should be industrious at all times. Years ago in Scotland, the Clark family had a dream. Clark and his wife made plans for their nine children and themselves to travel to the United States. They worked hard and finally had saved enough money and had gotten passports and reservations for the whole family on a new liner to the Inited States.

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Every week the report on stewardship will include our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. In gratitude to God, we give of our first fruits to help fulfill God's mission of love here on earth.

Attendance: Last Weekend: 390

Last Weekend's collections

FIRST COLLECTION: \$6,196.49

SECOND COLLECTION:

Youth Ministry: \$699.00

Our Bishop's Appeal contribution amounted to \$42,698.00, 107% of our goal of \$40,000.00. As always we thank you for your continuous contribution towards our Bishop's Appeal. Once again, thank you.

# LITURGYAND WORD CONT'D

But seven days before their departure, the youngest son was bitten by a dog. Because of the possibility of rabies, they were being quarantined for fourteen days.

The family's dreams were dashed. The father, filled with disappointment and anger, stomped to the dock to watch the ship leave - without the Clark family. The father cursed both his son and God for their misfortune.

Five days later, the tragic news spread throughout Scotland - the mighty Titanic had sunk. The unsinkable ship had sunk, taking hundreds of lives with it. The Clark family was to have been on that ship, but because the son had been bitten by a dog, they were left behind in Scotland.

When Mr. Clark heard the news, he hugged his son and thanked him for saving the family. He thanked God for saving their lives and turning what he had felt was a tragedy into a blessing.

